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BRIEFS AND COMMENTS

USSR: Views on Egyptian-Israeli Treaty

The Soviets in their initial reaction to the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty reiterated their charges that the US intends to establish a military presence in the Middle East. Moscow continues to focus on alleged US plans for regional security alliances and the stationing of military advisers in Egypt and Israel to "compensate for the loss of Iran and the collapse of CENTO."

Moscow also continues to champion Arab interests by criticizing Egyptian President Sadat's "betrayal" of other Arab states and the Palestinians by his alleged acquiescence to Israel's annexation of occupied Arab territories. The Soviets are particularly pleased that Saudi and Jordanian opposition to the treaty held firm despite US "pressure and arm-twisting" by Dr. Brzezinski.

//The Soviets are threatening to take some direct action to obstruct the implementation of the peace treaty.
that Moscow will oppose and may even veto any motion in the UN Security Council to reposition UN troops in the Sinai. In the past, the USSR has curtailed its funding in support of UN peacekeeping forces in the Sinai but has never vetoed a measure defining the presence of these forces. The Soviets expect the US to request that the troops be relocated in the proposed buffer zone between Egyptian and Israeli forces following the Israeli interim withdrawal.//

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